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*To the Chairman and Members of the Hunslet Rural
District Council.*

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1904, to which, in addition to the Local Government Board and County Council Tables, is appended a table from the Home Office, dealing with the working of the Factory and Workshops Act of 1901.

BIRTHS.—There have been registered in the whole district, during the year, 197 births—104 males and 93 females. Of these the sub-registration district of Whitkirk (including Templenewsam, Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, and Thorp Stapleton) has contributed 172, and Middleton 25. Estimating the population to Midsummer of 1903 at 6928, this gives a **Birth-rate** of 28·43 per thousand of the population, which is less than that of 1903, viz. : 30·13. The birth-rate for England and Wales for 1904 is 27·9, and the average for the decade 1894-1903 in this district, 29·15. Six of the births included in the above were illegitimate,

DEATHS.—During the corresponding period there have been registered in the whole district 98 deaths—47 males and 51 females. Of these, the sub-registration district of Whitkirk contributed 89 and Middleton 9. Six deaths (not included in above) in persons belonging to the district occurred, 5 in the Leeds General Infirmary and 1 in the Hunslet Union Infirmary.

Exclusive of these six deaths, the gross **death-rate** for the whole district is 14·14; inclusive of these, the **corrected death-rate** is 15, the average for the decade 1894-1903 being 14·71, and for England and Wales in 1904, 16·2. The death rate for the sub-registration district of Whitkirk is 16·46, and for Middleton 8·6.

SUMMARY OF AGES at which death occurred :—

Deaths under 1 year	=	27	} 39 under 5 years.
„ over 1 „ and under 5	=	12	
„ „ 5 years „ 15	=	2	} 65 over 5 years.
„ „ 15 „ „ 25	=	3	
„ „ 25 „ „ 65	=	30	
„ „ 65 „ and upwards	=	30	
Total		104	

CAUSES OF DEATH.—The following is a summary of the causes of death :—

Measles	..	..	..	..	..	2
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	10
Diarrhœa	..	..	..	..	..	6
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	1
Phthisis	..	..	..	..	..	7
Other Tubercular Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	4
Cancer	..	..	..	..	..	6
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	9
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	4
Premature Birth	..	..	..	..	..	4
Parturition	..	..	..	..	..	1
Heart Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	12
Accidents	..	..	..	..	..	1
Suicides	..	..	..	..	..	1
All other causes	..	..	..	..	..	36
Total						104

INFANT MORTALITY.—There were registered 27 deaths in children under 1 year of age, being at the **rate** of 137 per thousand births registered, that of 1903 being 72, the average of the decade 1894-1903 being 135, and that of England and Wales in 1904, 146. The **Infantile death-rate** is much higher than in 1903, but is accounted for by the severe epidemic of Measles and Whooping Cough, with their accompanying complications, which occurred in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford during the year. The causes of death were:—Whooping Cough 7, Diarrhœa 5, Bronchitis and Pneumonia 6, Premature Birth 4, other causes 5.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—There were 19 deaths registered from Infectious Diseases :—Measles 2, Whooping Cough 10, Diarrhœa 6, Erysipelas 1. The **Zymotic death-rate** is 2·59 per thousand, that of 1903 being ·87, and that of England and Wales for 1904, 1·94. This high zymotic death-rate is entirely due to the severe epidemic of Whooping Cough in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, since it will be observed that there has not been registered a single death from Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, or Enteric Fever in the district.

Vital Statistics for the year 1904.

1904.	Hunslet R.D.C.	England and Wales	
		Whole Country	Excluding the 218 Towns
Birth-rate	28·43	27·9	26·8
Death-rate	15	16·2	15·3
Zymotic Death-rate ..	2·59	1·94	1·28
Infantile Mortality.. .. (Per 1000 Births.)	137	146	125

There were 34 cases of **Infectious Diseases notified**, against 84 in the preceding year. This is a marked reduction in the number compared with the 4 previous years, and shows the comparative absence of notifiable disease in the whole district. This number also includes 3 cases of Phthisis. Of the cases notified, Oulton-cum-Woodlesford contributed 12—Erysipelas 3, Scarlet Fever 3, Enteric Fever 3, Phthisis 3; Templenewsam 16—Diphtheria 1, Erysipelas 3, Scarlet Fever 10, Enteric Fever 1, Puerperal Fever 1; Middleton 6—Erysipelas 4, Scarlet Fever 2.

SMALL-POX.—Although this disease has been very prevalent in the West Riding, and cases have occurred all round, there has been no case notified in this district.

SCARLET FEVER.—Of the 15 cases notified, 3 occurred in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, 10 in Templenewsam, and 2 in Middleton. The cases in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford were at intervals during the year, and of a sporadic nature, and at Middleton the 2 cases occurred in one house. Of the 10 Templenewsam cases, 8 occurred in Colton (6 in one house), in the month of January, and 1 each in Whitkirk and Halton respectively in June and August. Three cases were removed to the newly-constructed Infectious Diseases Hospital. No deaths were registered.

DIPHTHERIA.—One case was notified from Halton. This disease has been absent for the second year in succession in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford and Middleton.

ENTERIC FEVER.—Of the 4 cases notified, 3 occurred in a house in Beecroft Yard, Woodlesford, and 1 at Halton, which was probably imported. All were removed to Hospital and made good recoveries.

WHOOPIING COUGH and MEASLES.—An epidemic of these diseases occurred in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford in the late Spring and early Summer months, Whooping Cough being prevalent during the whole year. On this account all the schools in this district were closed—the Infant department in Woodlesford from 9th June and that of Oulton from the 30th June, the remainder from the 18th July, to the date of the Summer holidays. Ten deaths from Whooping Cough and 2 from Measles were registered. The outbreak was the subject of a special report at the time.

ERYSIPELAS.—Ten cases were notified, 3 in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, 3 in Templenewsam, and 4 in Middleton. One death was registered from this cause—a female (Æt. 81) at Middleton.

DIARRHŒA.—Of the 6 deaths registered under this heading, 3 occurred in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford and 3 in Templenewsam. Five were in children under 12 months of age.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Seven deaths from Phthisis, and 4 from other Tubercular diseases were registered. Of the 7 deaths from

Phthisis, 3 occurred in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, 2 in Templenewsam, and 2 in Middleton. Three cases, all from Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, were notified during the year. It is a matter of regret that offers to disinfect houses in which death from this disease has occurred, are not as a rule accepted, and that the spitting nuisance, especially in railway carriages, remains unabated. Until more stringent measures are taken with the offenders in this direction it is useless to expect any amelioration.

INQUESTS.—Six inquests were held—3 in Middleton, 2 in Templenewsam, and 1 in Woodlesford. Four deaths were due to natural causes, 1 to accident, and 1 to suicide by drowning.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.—The new Infectious Diseases Hospital for the joint districts of Rothwell, Methley, and Hunslet was opened in June. The number of cases removed to Hospital was 7—4 from Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, and 3 from Templenewsam, including 4 cases of Enteric Fever and 3 of Scarlet Fever.

WATER SUPPLY.—The water supply in the whole district continues to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. Four wells in the Templenewsam district were condemned, and the houses taking their supply from these, with one exception, have been connected to the mains. The mains have been extended 640 yards.

SEWERAGE and SANITARY WORK.—The increasing demand on the Halton Sewage Works has necessitated an extension. With a view to this a Local Government Board Inquiry was held in October, and powers have been obtained for the borrowing of £2,500. The works will be proceeded with during the current year. A modified scheme for the drainage of Belle Isle, Middleton, has also been decided upon.

Sewers have been extended to the extent of 389 yards, with 2 manholes.

There have been reported during the year 98 nuisances, with 11 in hand at close of 1903 ; of these, 101 have been abated.

Twenty-five legal notices for the abatement of nuisances were served, with recourse to law in one case.

The number of newly-constructed closets was 51, of which 50 were w.c.'s, and 1 an ashes-pit privy.

Closets to the number of 23 were re-constructed, of which 20 were privies and 3 w.c.'s in place of privies.

Fifty new houses—terrace and semi-detached—have been built during the year, against 61 in 1903.

One case of overcrowding was reported, and subsequently abated.

In connection with the house-to-house inspection of Woodlesford, most of the work suggested for improvement has been, with 2 or 3 exceptions, carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.

The house-to-house inspection of Templenewsam has been almost completed, and will, I anticipate, be reported upon very shortly.

The scavenging of the district, on the whole, has been satisfactory throughout, but I am still of opinion that it would be much more thorough and complete if done by the Council's own staff, as in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford.

Practically nothing has been done in the matter of paving and rendering impervious back streets and yards, nor has any action been taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, matters which, I trust, will receive more attention during the current year.

The cowsheds of Templenewsam were specially inspected by the Committee during the year.

An order of the Local Government Board conferring Urban powers for the establishment of fire-brigades has been received.

I attended, prepared and gave evidence at the Local Inquiry held in Leeds in January, on the subject of the Leeds City Extension Scheme, in which a portion of this Council's area was included.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, Sanitary Requirements, and Suggestions :—

- (A).—Death-rate for whole district, 15 per thousand (sub-registration district of Whitkirk, including Templenewsam, Thorp Stapleton, and Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, 16·46, and Middleton, 8·6).
- (B).—Birth-rate for whole district, 28·43 per thousand.
- (C).—Infantile mortality, 137 per thousand births registered.
- (D).—Zymotic death-rate, 2·59 per thousand.
- (E).—Drainage of Belle Isle, Middleton.
- (F).—The paving and rendering impervious of back streets and yards.
- (G).—The scavenging of the whole district by Council's own staff.
- (H). The necessity for removal of dilapidated ashes-pits, privies, and other out-houses from the thoroughfare known as Alma Street, Woodlesford.
- (I).—More activity under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.

The duties imposed upon District Councils under this Act are classified as follows :—

- (a)—**Registration of Workshops.**—The number of workshops on the register kept by the Council is 42, of which 10 are classified as factories, 20 as bakehouses, and 12 as domestic workshops.
- (b)—**Sanitation.**—One hundred and twenty-nine inspections have been made as to cleanliness, air space, ventilation, drainage, and closet accommodation, no defects having been reported.
- (c)—**Special Sanitary Provisions for Bakehouses.**—There are no underground bakehouses in the district. Twenty bakehouses are registered ; all are of a petty character, being little shops with ordinary kitchen ovens, where bread is sold on a small scale. They have all been inspected as to closet accommodation, home washing, and sleeping-places.

(d)—**Safety from Fire.**—There are no workshops or factories in this district which have 40 persons working at the same time in any single room ; all which employ more than 40 persons have been erected before 1892, and there is sufficient means of escape in case of fire.

(e)—**Home Work of certain kinds.**—There are no factories or workshops in this district giving out home work.

There has been no necessity to give notice to the district Inspector of Factories of failure to affix abstracts of the Act in any workshop.

I have again to thank you, gentlemen, for your continued support.

JOSEPH BUCK,

Medical Officer of Health.

Rothwell,

Feb. 10th, 1905.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT.

TABLE I.—Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1904 and Previous Years.

Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year	Births		Total Deaths Registered in the District.				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District	Deaths of Non-Residents registered in Public Institutions in the District	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Nett Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District	
		Number	Rate*	Under 1 year of Age		At all Ages					Number	Rate*
				Number	Rate per 1,000 Births registered	Number	Rate*					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1894	6464	200	30.94	28	140.00	98	15.16		3	3	98	15.16
1895	6570	212	32.26	33	155.66	120	18.26		3	2	119	18.11
1896	6656	194	29.12	31	159.79	100	15.00		2	2	100	15.00
1897	6770	201	29.68	18	89.55	78	11.52		2	2	78	11.52
1898	6882	211	30.65	29	137.44	111	16.12		3	1	109	15.83
1899	6970	197	28.23	18	91.37	105	14.29		1		104	14.92
1900	7060	205	29.03	32	156.09	104	14.73		1	3	106	15.01
1901	6745	172	25.50	31	180.23	104	15.41			4	108	16.1
1902	6806	177	26.00	30	170.00	75	11.00			1	76	11.16
1903	6868	207	30.13	15	72.46	89	12.95			9	98	14.26
Averages for years 1894-1903	6779.1	197.6	29.15	26.5	135.26	98.4	14.44		1.5	2.7	99.6	14.71
1904	6928	197	28.43	27	137.05	98	14.14			6	104	15

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7, corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term "Non-Residents" is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term "Residents" is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The "Public institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons, are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses, and lunatic asylums. A list of the Institutions in respect of the deaths in which corrections have been made is given below.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 6332. Total population at all ages, 6730; Number of inhabited houses, 1410; Average number of persons per house, 4.7; at census of 1901.

Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District:—Hunslet Union Workhouse, Leeds; West Riding Asylum, Wakefield; General Infirmary, Leeds; Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital, Rothwell. Is the Union Workhouse within the District? No.

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TABLE II.—Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1904 and previous years.

Names of Localities	Whole District				Templenewsam, Thorp Stapleton, and Oulton-cum-Woodlesford				Middleton			
	Population estimated to middle of each Year	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages	Deaths under 1 year	Population estimated to middle of each Year	Births registered	Deaths at all Ages	Deaths under 1 year	Population estimated to middle of each Year	Births registered	Deaths at all Ages	Deaths under 1 year
Year	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
1894 ...	6464	200	98	28		156	83	20		44	15	8
1895 ...	6570	212	119	33		171	94	28		41	25	5
1896 ...	6656	194	100	31		151	83	25		43	17	6
1897 ...	6770	201	78	18		157	60	14		44	18	4
1898 ...	6882	211	109	29		170	84	23		41	25	6
1899 ...	6970	197	104	18		150	86	12		47	18	6
1900 ...	7060	205	106	32		164	84	25		41	22	7
1901 ...	6745	172	108	31	5476	145	80	26	1269	27	28	5
1902 ...	6806	177	76	30	5534	146	65	25	1272	13	11	5
1903 ...	6868	207	98	15	5592	167	78	10	1275	40	20	5
Averages of Years 1894 to 1903	6779.1	197.6	99.6	26.5		157.7	79.7	20.8		38.1	19.9	5.7
1904 ...	6928	197	104	27	5650	172	89	25	1278	25	9	2

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TABLE III.—Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1904.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT							Total Cases notified in each locality.			No. of Cases removed to Hospital from each Locality.		
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years						Whitkirk Sub-registration District		Middleton	Whitkirk Sub-registration District		Middleton
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65	65 and upwards	Oulton-c-Woodlesford	Temple-newsam and Thorp Stapleton		Oulton-c-Woodlesford	Temple-newsam and Thorp Stapleton	
Small-pox ...													
Cholera ...													
Diphtheria ...	1		1					1					
Membranous Croup													
Erysipelas ...	10			1		8	1	3	4				
Scarlet Fever ...	15		4	7	2	2		3	2	1	2		
Typhus Fever ...													
Enteric Fever ...	4			2		2		3		1		3	1
Relapsing Fever...													
Continued Fever...													
Puerperal Fever ...	1					1		1					
Plague ...													
Phthisis ..	3					3		3					
Totals ...	34		4	10	3	16	1	12	16	6	4	3	
									28				

NOTES.—The localities adopted for this table are the same as those in Tables II. and IV.

Isolation Hospital:—Rothwell, Methley and Hunslet Joint, Situated at Rothwell, also, for Small-pox only, Hospital Situated in Rothwell Urban District.

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TABLE IV.—Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1904.

Causes of Death	Deaths in or belonging to whole District at subjoined Ages.							Deaths in or belonging to Localities (at all Ages	
	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards	Templenessam, Thorp Stapleton, Oulton-c-Woodlesford	Middleton.
Small-pox									
Measles	2		2					2	
Scarlet Fever									
Whooping-cough	10	7	3					10	
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup									
Croup									
Fever { Typhus									
{ Enteric									
{ Other Continued									
Epidemic Influenza									
Cholera									
Plague									
Diarrhoea	6	5		1				6	
Enteritis									
Puerperal Fever									
Erysipelas	1						1		1
Other septic diseases									
Phthisis	7					7		5	2
Other tubercular diseases	4		2		1		1	4	
Cancer, malignant disease	6					5	1	6	
Bronchitis	9	5					4	8	1
Pneumonia	4	1	2				1	4	
Pleurisy									
Other diseases of Respiratory organs									
Alcoholism									
Cirrhosis of liver									
Venereal diseases									
Premature birth	4	4						3	1
Diseases and accidents of parturition	1					1		1	
Heart diseases	12			1		7	4	10	2
Accidents	1					1		1	
Suicides	1				1				1
All other causes	36	5	3		1	9	18	33	3
All causes	104	27	12	2	3	30	30	93	11

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TABLE V.—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1904.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

1.—INSPECTION.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories (Including Factory Laundries.)	36		
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries.)	93		
Workplaces			
Homeworkers' Premises			
Total	129		

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	Nil			
Want of Ventilation				
Overcrowding				
Want of drainage of floors				
Other nuisances				
Sanitary accommodations { insufficient unsuitable or defective not separate for sexes				
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (S. 101.)	None in District			
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (SS. 97 to 100.)				
Failure as regards lists of outworkers (S. 107.)				
Giving out work to be done in premises which are { unwholesome (S. 108.) infected (S. 110.)	None in District			
Allowing wearing apparel to be made in premises infected by scarlet fever or smallpox (S. 109)				
Other offences				
Total				

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TABLE VI.—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1904.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

3.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class											Number			
<i>Matters notified to H.M. Inspectors of Factories :—</i>														
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (S. 133) ...											}	Nil		
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspectors as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory Act (S. 5)														
Notified by H.M. Inspector ...														
Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspectors ...														
Other ...											}	Nil		
<i>Underground Bakehouses (S. 101) :—</i>														
In use during 1903 ...													}	Nil
Certificates granted { in 1903 ...														
{ in 1904 ...														
In use at the end of 1904 ...											}	Nil		
<i>Homework :</i>														
<i>Lists of Outworkers (S. 107) :—</i>														
Lists received ...													Number of	
Addresses of outworkers { forwarded to other Authorities ...											Lists	Outworkers		
{ received from other Authorities ...											Nil			
<i>Homework in unwholesome or infected premises :—</i>														
Notices prohibiting homework in unwholesome premises (S. 108) ...											Wearing Apparel	Other		
Cases of infectious disease notified in homeworkers' premises ...											Nil			
Orders prohibiting homework in infected premises (S. 110) ..														
<i>Workshops on the Register (S. 131) at the end of 1904</i>														
Important classes of workshops, such as workshop bakehouses, may be enumerated here. {														
Factories - - 10														
Bakehouses - - 20														
Domestic Workshops 12														
Total number of workshops on Register ...											42			

TABLE C. 1904.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT.

Medical Officer of Health, JOSEPH BUCK, Salary £90.

Sanitary Inspector, WM. WHITEHEAD, Salary £95.

What other position does the Sanitary Inspector fill? Registrar of Births and Deaths, Canal Boats Inspector, Vaccination Officer.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector, S. H. KETTLEWELL, Salary £72.

Water Supply—

Quality—Good. Action on Lead—Nil.

Any extensions or change during 1904?—640 yards extension.

Any inadequacy in any part?—No.

Sewerage—

Is the district systematically sewered?—Yes.

Is rainfall from roads excluded?—Partially.

Extensions or Improvements during 1904—389 yards Sewers,
2 Manholes.

Any inadequacy, and where?—Belle Isle, Middleton.

Sewage Disposal—

System adopted, Bacteriological.

Any extensions in 1904?—No.

Any complaint in neighbourhood of sewage works?—No.

Scavenging—

Are the privy-middens, ash-places, etc., cleansed by Sanitary staff, by Contractors, or by Owners and Tenants?—Oulton-cum-Woodlesford by Sanitary Staff, Templenewsam and Middleton by Contractors.

Any inadequacy of scavenging?—No.

Adoptive Acts—

Acts adopted during 1904 (or parts)—Nil.

Any diseases added to notification schedule, *e.g.*, Measles, Chicken-pox, &c.—No.

Any system of voluntary notification of Phthisis?—Yes.

By-Laws—Any adopted or sanctioned during 1904?—

(a) Under the Public Health Act, 1875—New By-Laws under consideration.

(b) Under the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890—

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	Number			General Condition ?	Legal Proceedings (if any)
	In District	On Register	Inspected		
Common Lodging Houses ..	None		24 Frequently	Satisfactory ditto ditto	
Canal Boats	None	None			
Slaughter Houses	7	7			
Cowsheds	87	87			
Offensive Trades (Please specify nature)	None	None			

Cowsheds—

Give date of Regulations in force under D.C.M. Order—Sept., 1887.

Any special inspection made during 1904 ?—Yes, by Cowsheds Committee.

Any action taken by outside authorities, *e.g.*, under 'Milk Clauses' concerning milk supplied from this district ?—No.

Infectious Disease—

What disinfecting apparatus is available ?—Leeds Corporation's.
How are dwellings disinfected ?—By Formaldetryde.

Any placards or handbills issued during 1904 ?—Yes.

Schools—

No. closed during 1904 on account of sickness—Two.

Total duration of such closure—6 weeks.

Any ailment or contagious disease associated particularly with school life during 1904 ?—Measles and Whooping Cough.

Factory and Workshop Act—

No. of workshops in the district as per register—42.

No. of inspections made during 1904—129.

Legal proceedings—Nil.

No. of Bakehouses included in above—20.

No. of Underground Bakehouses in district—Nil.

No. of Domestic Workshops in above—12.

No. of Domestic Factories in district—Nil.

No. of Lists of Outworkers received—Nil,—representing—Nil—employers or contractors,—Nil—outworkers.

Any action as to unwholesome or infected Outworkers' premises—No premises in district.

Dwellings—No. of Houses built during 1904—50. General character—Terrace and Semi-detached Villas.

Any houses unfit for habitation ?—No.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses ?—One case—abated.

Any action taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Act ?—No.

Is house-to-house inspection systematically made ?—Yes.

Are records kept ?—Yes.

Nuisances—

Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1903—11.

At close of 1904—8.

Reported during 1904—98. Abated during 1904—101.

Total No. of Legal Notices served for Abatement of Nuisances during 1904—25 .

Total No. of Summonses or other Legal Proceedings—1.

No. of Sink wastes disconnected during 1904—7.

No. of Sink wastes trapped during 1904—7

No. of Closets newly constructed during 1904—51. Kinds—50 W.C. and 1 Ashes-pit Privy.

No. of Closets reconstructed during 1904—23. Kinds—20 Privies, 3 W.C. in place of Privies.

Meteorology—Mean Temperature for 1904— Rainfall—

What action has been taken in regard to the following matters ?

Seizures of Unsound Food—Nil. Prosecutions—Nil.

Samples under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts—Nil.

Prosecutions—Nil.

Has there been any poisoning during 1904 attributable to arsenical beer ?—No. . Ptomaines ?—No. Lead-contaminated water ?—No.

River Pollution—Nil.

Smoke observations taken—Frequently. Legal Notices—Nil. Summonses—Nil.

Burial Grounds—No. in district—3. Any need for (a) extension—No, (b) closure—No.

Mortuaries—No. in district (a) for accidents—Nil, (b) other—Nil.

Births during 1904—Males 104, Females 93, Total 197.

Number illegitimate, included in above—6.

Number of Still Births (not included)—Nil.

Deaths during 1904—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the district, without any correction—98.

(2) Net Deaths, on which the rates are calculated—Males 50, Females 54—104.

Number uncertified, included in the above—Nil.

Sanitary Requirements of District, and Suggestions of Medical Officer of Health :—

Drainage of Belle Isle, Middleton.

The paving and rendering impervious of back streets and yards.

The scavenging of whole district by Council's own staff.

More activity under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

